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Mississippi Oyster Reef Area Reopened Nov. 18

BILOXI, Miss. –The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has announced the reopening of Area II "A" Conditionally Approved Waters to the harvest of oysters, **effective Thursday**, **November 18, 2004 at legal sunrise.**

• Area II "A" Conditionally Approved Waters (reopening) includes northern portions of the Pass Christian and Henderson Point Reefs and Hornets Reef.

For more information on the open and closed areas, call the DMR's 24-hour Oyster Information Hotline at (228) 374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

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